earning pension from Territorial Army. Neither there is a provision to grant pension to any other category personnel including those who fought wars of 1962, 1965 and 1971, nor there is any proposal at present, to award pension to such persons.

Vacancies in Coast Guard

137. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in the Coast Guard lying vacant during the last five years; year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of men and material in Coast Guard is affecting the challenges to internal security posed by the increasing use of sea lanes for terrorists movement, gun running and narcotics smuggling; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to overcome the difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of Vacancies in Coast Guard during the last five years

The details of vacancies in the Coast Guard lying vacant during the last five years; year-wise and category-wise, are given below:

Officers :

Year	General Duty	Technical	Total
1998	138	46	184
1999	117	41	158
2000	109	37	146
2001	124	41	165
2002	177	62	239

Enrolled Personnel :

Year	General Duty	Technical	Domestic Branch	Enrolled Follower	Total
1998	491	25	24	44	584
1999	407	46	10	41	504
2000	255	16	22	23	316
2001	186	34	21	18	259
2002	203	77	25	26	331

Civilians :

Year	Group	General	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Other Backward Classes	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1998	A	06	01	—	—	07
	B	48	02	—	05	55
	C	136	05	06	40	187
	D	33	—	—	32	65
1999	A	05	01	—	—	06
	B	46	02	—	05	53
	C	132	05	06	33	176
	D	28	—	—	31	59
2000	A	05	01	—	—	06
	B	38	—	—	04	42
	C	118	04	04	31	157
	D	24	—	02	29	55

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2001	A	05	01	—	—	06
	B	30	—	—	04	34
	C	119	01	05	24	149
	D	24	—	02	29	55
2002	A	05	01	—	—	06
	B	28	—	—	03	31
	C	122	—	06	21	149
	D	10	—	03	29	42

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

138. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal made by Hindu Welfare Society Kashmir about "clusterisation" of Pandits setting 10-15 Pandit families that are fully integrated with a wider Muslim neighbourhood and adequately protected by security forces, and later, if successful, such clusters would be increased and uprooted Pandit families brought back from Jammu region and also from other parts of the country; and

(b) if so, whether such a scheme will be launched especially when conditions are becoming comparatively better under the present political set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Hindu Welfare Society in a Memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister of India on 18.4.2003 has proposed clusterization of Kashmiri Pandit families on tehsil and district levels and also in Srinagar where proper neighbourhood and security could be provided. As intimated by the State Government of J and K, a Core Group of Senior Officers has been constituted to address the problems of Kashmiri Pandits and their return to the Valley. The State Government has intimated that clusters are proposed to be constructed at village Sheikhpora/Ompora, District Budgam and other District headquarters of the Valley.